

For Your Diaries : 2018

10 May, Young Adults Adoration

Come and join us for an hour of prayer and reflection at 6pm in the Church. Afterwards, we'll go somewhere for dinner.

May 10, Spiritual Theology Course

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10 May, Quiet Days with Suzanne Aubert

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13 May, Bach Choir

The concert will be in the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3pm.

Spirituality of Service Discussion

At 7pm, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Phone 04 383 7769 to register.

17 May, Joshua Men's Fellowship Wellington

Come along and join us at 7.30pm for fellowship and prayer in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon.

19 May, Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

The next Dove meeting is at 1.15pm in Connolly hall, Guilford Tce. Thorndon. Shura Price, President of Dove Wellington will be speaking on "My journey guided by the Holy Spirit".

19 May, Vigil for the Unborn

At St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. Starts at 10am with Mass, ending at 12pm.

19 & 20 May, Michael Mangan Workshops

Family Friendly Liturgies on Saturday 19 May, 2.15pm-4.30pm at Ss Peter and Paul's Church Lower Hutt. *The Purpose and place of music in the liturgy* on Sunday 20 May, 1.45pm-4.00pm at St Theresa's Church, Plimmerton.

11 June, Pa Maria Winter Film Series

The first season of the film series "Called to Be Blessed" - *Reflections on the Beatitudes*. For further information and/or to register please contact Fr Brian Cummings SM, 04 212 4691 or 021 703 580 or email bgcummings@xtra.co.nz

16 July, Non-Residential Guided Retreat

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St Mary of the Angels is a diverse community which seeks to praise and thank God in a place of calm and beauty and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington

6 May 2018, 6th Sunday of Easter

If You Keep My Commandments You Will Remain in My Love – Living in the Love Chain

Here we are in May, the month of Mary and last Tuesday we celebrated the feast of St Joseph the Worker. Their examples of integrating work into their life of faith invites us to reflect. Sadly, over recent centuries there are many examples around the world of human dignity being under threat both in Capitalist and Communist contexts. Not surprisingly the Church has a rich tradition of speaking out on the topic of the dignity of human labour. I offer the following quotes for our reflection:

Through his labours ... man has ceaselessly striven to better his life. Today, however, especially with the help of science and technology, he has extended his mastery over nearly the whole of nature and continues to do so. Hence many benefits once looked for, especially from heavenly powers, man has now enterprisingly procured for himself.

In the face of these immense efforts ... [people ask many questions among themselves.] What is the meaning and value of this feverish activity? How should all these things be used? To the achievement of what goal are the strivings of individuals and societies heading?...

.... To believers, this point is settled: considered in itself, this human activity accords with God's will. For man, created to God's image, received a mandate to subject to himself the earth and all it contains, and to govern the world with justice and holiness

This mandate concerns the whole of everyday activity as well. For while providing the substance of life for themselves and their families, men and women are performing their activities in a way which appropriately benefits society. They can justly consider that by their labour they are unfolding the Creator's work

Thus, far from thinking that works produced by man's own talent and energy are in opposition to God's power, and that the rational creature exists as a kind of rival to the Creator, Christians are convinced that the triumphs of the human race are a sign of God's grace and the flowering of His own mysterious design. For the greater man's power becomes, the farther his individual and community responsibility extends. Hence it is clear that men are not deterred by the Christian message from building up the world, or impelled to neglect the welfare of their fellows, but that they are rather more stringently bound to do these very things. [PASTORAL CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD - GAUDIUM ET SPES, POPE PAUL VI, DECEMBER 7, 1965, N.33/34]

As we strive to integrate our life of faith into daily life may we see our daily toil as part of a love chain; an opportunity to unfold further the Creators work of love.

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MASSES

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

Monday to 7:30am, 12:05pm,
Friday & 5:15pm

Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday 11am Mass with
Sacrament of Anointing

ADORATION

Monday to 6:45am-7:30am
Friday

Friday 11am-noon

RECONCILIATION

Monday to 11:30am-noon
Thursday 12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm

Friday 11:00am-noon
12:30pm-1:00pm
4:30pm-5:00pm

Saturday 10:30am-11:00am
4:00pm-5:00pm

This Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10
God is love.

Gospel John 15:9-17
No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm: 46
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,158



Tax Receipts

Planned giving receipts for the tax year ending 31 March 2018 are available at the back of the Church at all Masses today. Please collect your envelopes as it will save us the cost of postage. Receipts will also be issued for those parishioners who are contributing to the Seismic Strengthening of the Church using the automatic payment method.

Please ensure that we have your correct personal details on these receipts. We have recently changed our Parish database therefore we would like to ensure we have the right contact details for everyone. We apologise for any incorrect contact details that have been overlooked.

If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or email smoa.office@xtra.co.nz

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Margaret Peters

Anniversaries: David Butler, Terry Chamberlain, Fr Kevin O'Donoghue sm, Josph Hermon, Mariette Hopman, Christopher Eastwood, Anasetasia Churchward, Fr Augustine Hill sm, Oinah MacPherson, Mary Egan

Prayers for the Sick: Brendan Gilmore, Fr David Dowling, Nancy Grealish, Mary Rose Keller, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Colleen Kennedy, Gil Lescher, Mary Crompton, Teresa Jeong, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, John Foden, Jan Tuinman, John Mora, Maria Kim, Maureen McDonald



Please remember these and any others in the Parish who are ill. If you know of anyone confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact Sister Frances at the Parish Office.

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Responsorial Psalm 97

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**



No-tum fe-cit Domi-nus sa-lu-ta-re su-um.

The Lord hath made known his salvation

Thank You

A sincere thank you to those who have generously responded to the request in the Angelus for donations to complete the work on the Church and grounds. A total of \$111,000 has been raised towards the final total of \$156,552. Once we have raised sufficient money to pay all the bills our focus will be the ongoing maintenance programme for the church.

Rosary for Malaysia

On Sunday 6 May at 3pm a rosary group will gather in the church to pray for the upcoming Malaysian election in Malaysia. All are welcome.

Pa Maria Winter Film Series

“Called to Be Blessed” - *Reflections on the Beatitudes*

- Season 1: Mondays 11,18,25 June & 2 & 9 July
- Season 2: Mondays 13, 20, 27 August & 3 & 10 September
- Season 3: Thursdays 16, 23, 30 August & 6 & 13 September

For further information and/or to register please contact Fr Brian Cummings SM: phone (04) 212 4691 or 021 703 580 or email bgcummings@xtra.co.nz

Spiritual Theology Course

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Bach Choir

For its major concert to celebrate its 50th year, the Bach Choir of Wellington is performing the mighty Mass in B Minor by JS Bach. The concert will be in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3pm on Sunday 13 May. The choir will be joined by soloists Nicola Holt, Maaike Christie-Beekman, Lachlan Craig and Simon Christie, members of The Chiesa Ensemble, led by Rebecca Struthers, with Douglas Mews playing organ continuo. Peter Walls will be directing from the podium.

Michael Mangan Workshops

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- *The Purpose and place of music in the liturgy*, Sunday 20 May, 1.45pm-4pm at St Theresa's, Plimmerton.

Michael Mangan is an Australian composer, teacher and music liturgist. Please register with Ann Williams by Monday 14 May, specifying which workshops you are attending by emailing a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz. All are welcome.

Spirituality of Service Discussion

This discussion series, focuses on our baptismal call to embrace a ‘spirituality of service’. An ideal opportunity for people of all ages and stages of their faith to unpack the gift of the Easter mysteries and to consider the influence this might have in their life. On Wednesday 9 May at 7pm, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. This weeks theme ‘Purposeful Activity – Compassion Soup Kitchen’. Series continues at 7pm on 16 May in the Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Phone 04 383 7769 to register.

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Korean Community

At the Annual General Meeting of the St Mary of the Angels Korean community last Sunday, an election was held for a new leader. Mr Junho Choi (Boniface) is now the leader. He has previously been on the Liturgy Committee, a choir member for the 11am Mass and for the previous two years has been treasurer for the community.

Compassion Street Day Appeal

The Compassion Soup Kitchen is holding its annual Street Day Appeal on Friday 25 May. We are looking for volunteers who can give a little time to hold a bucket for us in the Wellington CBD, the Hutt City Area or Porirua City. If you can help please contact Paula on volunteers@compassion.org.nz or call/txt 0211811862

Non-Residential Guided Retreat

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Housing Sought for Refugee Families

Rental housing is needed urgently for two Wellington families: a family of eight and a family of six. Both are in temporary living situations right now, while a number of agencies are urgently seeking permanent homes for them. Can you help find an affordable rental home? If you can assist please contact l.beech@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

Quiet Days with Suzanne Aubert

An invitation to spend time resting and reflecting on an aspect of the life and vision of Suzanne Aubert. Join us on 10 May, 10am - 2pm in the Chapel of Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. Simple lunch included. Registration is required by emailing retreat@compassion.org or phone 04 383 7769

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